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PROVIDING DIFFERENTIATED  
SERVICE ON A PER VIRTUAL  
CIRCUIT BASIS WITHIN A  
PACKET-BASED  
SWITCH/ROUTER

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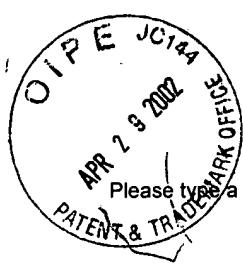
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